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SUBJECT: UNCTAD: GROUP B AND COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION
AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

1. COORDINATOR OF GROUP B HAS APPROACHED ALLEN OF THE US
MISSION TO HEAD UP WORKING GROUP OF GROUP B TO UNDERTAKE
PREPARATIONS FOR ECDC COMMITTEE MEETING, A DECISION
WHICH SHOULD BE FORMALIZED AT GROUP B MEETING JANUARY 20.
ALLEN PLANS TO CALL A MEETING OF WORKING GROUP AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE AFTER JANUARY 20, POSSIBLY BEFORE END OF WEEK,
TO COMMENCE GROUP B PREPARATIONS FOR ECDC COMMITTEE MEETING.
FIRST STAGE IS TO BE ELICITING AS MUCH INFORMATION AS
POSSIBLE FROM SECRETARIAT ON PROJECTED PROPOSALS TO BE
MADE ECDC COMMITTEE TO PERMIT AS MUCH ADVANCED PRE-
PARATION AS POSSIBLE. FIRST MEETING WITH SECRETARIAT IS
SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 19 AT WHICH A RUN-DOWN OF PROPOSALS
HAS BEEN PROMISED. IN ADDITION, PLAN TO CALL UPON
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INDIVIDUAL GROUP B PARTICIPANTS TO PREPARE PAPERS FOR
USE AT ECDC COMMITTEE ON (A) BILATERAL ASSISTANCE EFFORTS
PRESENTLY UNDERTAKEN BY INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES IN SUPPORT
OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND
(B) TO CANVASS THEIR DELEGATIONS IN OTHER UN BODIES AS
REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, UNIDO, FAO, ETC. TO DEVELOP AS
COMPLETE A ROSTER AS POSSIBLE ON PRESENTLY ON-GOING

UN SYSTEM ASSISTANCE EFFORTS IN THE FIELD IN ORDER TO
COUNTER WHAT MAY BE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT EFFORTS TO DOWN-
PLAY EFFORTS OF OTHER AGENCIES. WOULD APPRECIATE
DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN COLLECTING ABOVE INFORMATION.

2. WILL BE MAKING RECOMMENDATION TO GROUP B PARTICIPANTS
THAT DELEGATIONS TO ECDC COMMITTEE SHOULD CONTAIN NOT
ONLY EXPERTS IN TECHNICAL AND/OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE,
BUT RATHER SHOULD BE HEAVILY WEIGHTED WITH EXPERTS IN
UN INSTITUTIONAL ISSUES SINCE PRIMARY FOCUS OF UNCTAD
SECRETARIAT PREPARATIONS IS THE FINANCIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL
IMPLICATIONS OF MEETING THE DEMANDS FOR UNCTAD SERVICES
AS LAID DOWN IN THE MEXICO G-77 DOCUMENT. CATTO
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